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PART IV-A

Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A, and I-L) made
by the Government of Gujarat under the Central Acts

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 20th February, 2025

AADHAR (TARGETED DELIVERY OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUBSIDIES, BENEFITS AND SERVICES) ACT, 2016.

No: GS/2025/2/GAD/ADMTV/e-file/1/2023/4151/Computer Cell-PF1: WHEREAS the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India has issued the notification vide no. GS.R.490(E), dated the 5th August, 2020, exercising powers conferred by section 53, of the **Aadhar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016**, has framed the **Aadhar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020**;

AND WHEREAS the General Administration Department, Government of Gujarat (hereinafter referred to as 'the Department') administers the **Online Job Application System (OJAS) AND GPSC-OJAS portal** (hereinafter referred to as 'the Application' or 'the Portal') to facilitate **Aadhar Authentication on a voluntary basis to establish the identity of applicants during registration on the Portal and at various stages of recruitment conducted by the Government of Gujarat.**

AND WHEREAS the authentication options include Yes/No and/or e-KYC authentication, implemented through the **Gujarat Public Service Commission (GPSC), Gujarat Subordinate Services Selection Board (GSSSB), Gujarat Panchayat Services Selection Board, Police Recruitment Board, or any other recruitment authority designated by the Government of Gujarat for this purpose** (hereinafter referred to as 'the Implementing Agency / Agencies' or 'Agencies');

AND WHEREAS, under the application / portal, **Applicants can apply online 24/7 for various job vacancies and departmental examinations in the Gujarat Government** (hereinafter referred to as “the benefit”) is given to **the eligible applicants of various job vacancies and departmental examinations in Gujarat Government** (hereinafter referred to as “the beneficiaries”), by the implementing agencies as per the Annexure I and guidelines mentioned in Annexure II of the Circular issued by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India dated the 18 August, 2020;

Now, **THEREFORE**, in pursuance of sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub - section (4) of Section 4 of the Aadhar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016), (hereinafter referred to as “the said Act”), read with rule 5 of the Aadhaar Authentication For Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020, **the Government of Gujarat** hereby notifies the following as per the authorization given by the Central Government on receipt of the proposal under Rule 4, and as per the Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations, 2016, Aadhaar Data Security Regulation, 2016, Aadhaar (Sharing of Information) Regulations 2016 and other Circulars and notifications issued in these behalf: -

1. The State Government has resolved to implement Yes/No and/or e-KYC authentication for eligible applicants applying for various job vacancies and departmental examinations conducted by the Government of Gujarat.
2. For the Beneficiaries, Aadhaar registration on the **Online Job Application System (OJAS) AND GPSC-OJAS portal / application** will be completed through e-KYC. Thereafter, authentication of the Beneficiaries will be conducted by the same Portal / Application using biometric verification, iris scan, face scan, or OTP verification, in accordance with the established decision-making workflow.
3. Aadhaar Authentication shall be utilized to verify the identity of Beneficiaries participating in various examinations process of Gujarat Government.
4. The present approval encompasses both Yes/No and/or e-KYC authentication facilities. The General Administration Department, Government of Gujarat, shall serve as the Sub-AUA for this purpose.
5. The General Administration Department, Government of Gujarat, hereby stipulates that biometric, iris scan, face scan, or OTP-based Aadhaar authentication shall be conducted exclusively in an assisted mode or within a controlled environment.
6. The consent of the Beneficiaries shall be obtained for the purpose of authentication, in accordance with Section 29 of the Act. The purpose for which the Aadhaar number and related information are being requested must be clearly communicated to the Beneficiaries. Specifically, the manner in which the Aadhaar number will be collected and utilized shall be explicitly conveyed to the Beneficiaries.
7. The provisions related to exception handling shall be implemented in strict compliance with the provisions of the said Act and its associated regulations.
8. The Beneficiaries shall be informed of alternative mechanisms for identity verification, including non-Aadhaar options, as the use of Aadhaar authentication is permitted purely on a voluntary basis.
9. No applicant shall be prohibited from participating in the examination on the grounds of failure of Aadhaar-based authentication, and alternative methods of identity verification shall be made available.
10. In no circumstances shall the Aadhaar number be displayed within the system. Where applicable, only the last four digits of the Aadhaar number may be disclosed.
11. e-KYC information of the Beneficiaries shall not be displayed on the screen under any circumstances and only essential demographic details, such as name, year of birth, and other required information, shall be displayed, in strict compliance with applicable data protection laws.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

RONAK MEHTA,

Joint Secretary to Government.

